(*b*) The work of well-conducted rural reconstruction centres consists mainly of demonstration and popularisation of improved agricultural methods, cottage industries, co-operative methods, village and home sanitation, improvement of village communications, maternity and child welfare, adult eductation and the like.

(*c*) There are no fixed grants. The amount of grant awarded to each institution depends upon the nature and extent of the work done in the particular year. The grants issued in 1116 are given under (a) above.

Anchal Inspectors.

28. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the salary of Anchal Inspectors was increased or decreased during the last 10 years;

(*b*) whether their work, in view of the increased number of Anchal Offices, has not increased; and

(*c*) whether any increase was made in their consolidated T. A.?

Mr. C. Kumara Das:

(*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

Measures to ensure adequate food supply.

29. ***Mr. James Fletcher** (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod* cum *Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement in detail of the various measures taken by the Government to ensure adequate food supply to the people in the State?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar (*Director of Agriculture*): With the loss of Burma, Siam and Malaya, the question of replacing the imports of rice from those countries by other means assumed all India importance. The Government of India considered the question, and constituted Regional Price and Supply Boards. The Madras Board consists of the Madras Province, Orissa, Mysore, Coorg, Hyderabad, Travancore and Cochin. The main object of the Regional Board is to distribute evenly the surplus of rice available in various places to the nearest deficit areas on an equitable basis. Travancore and Cochin stated their requirements, and have obtained a quota of 2,20,000 tons of rice per year from the Northern Circars and Tanjore areas. The two Governments have agreed to apportion the quota on the basis of their population. All the quantity allotted is being distributed, more or less, in equated monthly instalments, and merchants in both the States are being allowed to import the stock. This arrangement has been so far found efficient and satisfactory.

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